



Temple Tuesdays
Josh & George Talk Basketball
Presented by Josh Pastner and George Lapides
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Temple members talk Tiger basketball all the time, but these two members are having a discussion you won't want to miss! University of Memphis Head Basketball Coach Josh Pastner and sports-talk radio host George Lapides will talk about basketball after Pastner's second season at the helm of the Tigers.

Josh Pastner, the 17th head coach in the University of Memphis basketball program's history, signed the nation's No. 1 recruiting class for 2010 before coaching his first collegiate game in 2009. In his first year of coaching the Tigers, he directed the team to a 24-10 overall record; guided Memphis to a 13-3 Conference USA mark; and led the Tigers to a National Invitation Tournament appearance. For his efforts, Pastner was named Conference USA Coach of the Year by both The Sporting News and collegeinsider.com. His second season yielded a 25-10 record and a berth in the NCAA tournament. At the end of March, 2011, he signed a new five-year contract that will keep him at the University of Memphis through the 2015-2016 season.



Pastner had already coached nine NBA Draft lottery picks before taking his first head coach position. He won an NCAA title as a player at Arizona (1997), and also made a trip to the NCAA championship game while on the Wildcats' staff (2001). As an assistant coach since 2003 (six years at Arizona, one year at Memphis), Pastner's teams advanced to four NCAA Sweet Sixteens and two Elite Eights. Pastner participated in the NCAA Tournament 13 straight years from 1997-2009. In June of 2005, Rivals.com's Chris Wallace named Pastner one of college basketball's top 25 recruiters, and in May 2008, FoxSports.com rated Pastner as the No. 7 high-major recruiter in the country. Pastner is married to the former Kerri Lamas. Pastner has a stepson, Ethan, and the couple also has a daughter, Payten Sydney.



A fourth generation member of Temple Israel, George Lapides will celebrate 50 years as a media person on February 1, 2011. On January 1, 2011, Lapides began his 40th consecutive year as host of a daily sports-talk show on radio, "Sportstime," which airs at 8 AM Mondays through Fridays on Sports 56 WHBQ. It is the longest running sports show on radio. He was a newspaper political writer and then sports editor for roughly 25 years and won a number of regional and national awards. He was also a television sports editor and host of a weekly half-hour television show for 10 years, before retiring. Lapides is a member of the Tennessee Sportswriters Hall of Fame.

Temple Tuesdays is a learning series that offers a myriad of opportunities for intellectual, spiritual, and social connections. Meet at Temple the second Tuesday of each month, and choose between several stimulating and diverse lectures, discussions, and workshops. After an hour of learning something new, enjoy coffee, desserts, and schmoozing. Bring your friends and make new friends! *Temple Tuesdays is where it's happening.*

